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## **SUSPICIOUS ITEMS AND COMMUNITY OBSERVERS RESPONSE TO SUSPICIOUS ITEMS**

# SNAP!



Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program



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## Purpose

- The purpose of this presentation is to enable you to identify some potentially suspicious items and to help you respond appropriately to such a discovery.



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## Agenda

- Learning objectives
- Improvised explosive devices
- Response to suspicious items



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## Learning Objectives

- Identify suspicious items
- Describe the appropriate response if a suspicious item is discovered



# Improvised explosive devices

- An *improvised explosive device (IED)* is some type of explosive or incendiary device
- Observer alertness is the single most important factor in recognizing a potential IED
- Human judgment factor is the most important part of being alert – nothing can replace the human judgment factor\_





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## Items used in bombing attacks

- Fire extinguishers/Propane cylinders
- Brief cases or suit cases
- Gym bags
- Plastic or paper bags
- Suspicious items can be taped or strapped to a vehicle
- \*\*Anything Suspicious



## Characteristics of some suspicious items

- Abandoned packages/boxes
- Abandoned vehicles
- Packages with abnormal or unusual size
- Packages with uneven balance or shape
- Oily stains on the package
- Wires or strings protruding from or attached to an item
- Peculiar odor (many explosives used by terrorists smell like shoe polish or almonds)



# Response to suspicious items or objects

- Remain calm
- Do **NOT** touch or move any suspicious objects
- Suspend activity at the location of the suspicious package
- Immediately notify law enforcement
- Evacuate to 300- 400 meters
- Do not stand in line of sight of suspicious package or item
- Do not transmit (radios or cell phones) within 100 meters of the suspicious package





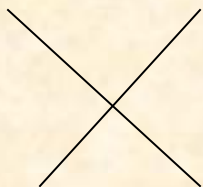
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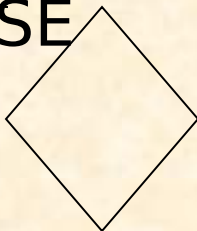


### Residential Signs to look out for

PLAN IS IN PLACE TO  
BURGLARIZE THIS  
RESIDENCE



UNOCCUPIED  
HOUSE



HOUSE ALREADY  
VISITED /  
BURGLARIZED



USELESS TO  
ENTER  
THIS RESIDENCE



These signs are mostly placed by doors, windows, and in the grass.

*Assist, Protect, Defend*



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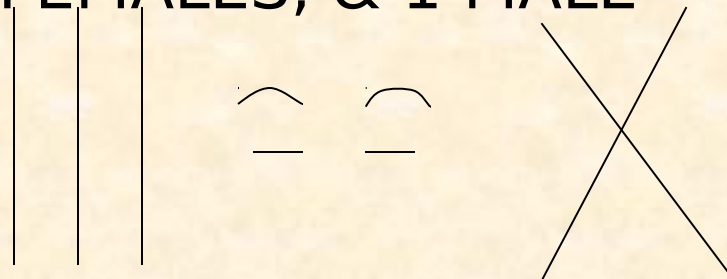
THERE IS MONEY AT  
THIS RESIDENCE



RESIDENCE  
ALREADY  
BURGLARIZED



THIS RESIDENCE  
CONSISTS  
OF 3 CHILDREN,  
2 FEMALES, & 1 MALE



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## General Safety Tips

- Utilize all safety and security measures available to you
  - Such as: the Weekly SNAP tips on AFN radio and television
- Know your neighborhoods and your neighbors
  - Be able to recognize when someone or something is out of place.



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## SNAP Volunteers

- Making and Keeping YOUR neighborhoods safe is a SNAP by being a SNAP volunteer.
- Make a SNAP decision to help protect your community against crime and terrorism.





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## Important Websites

- USAG - Benelux website –
- <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/local/>
- SNAP website –
- <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/sites/about/snaphome.asp>





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